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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJ: 4TH OF JULY DEMONSTRATION

1. TRADITIONAL 4TH OF JULY DEMONSTRATION AT US EMBASSY BY
RADICAL-LEFTIST GROUPS ABOUT 2030 HOURS OCCURRED AS
SCHEDULED DESPITE RAIN WHICH HELD DOWN EXPECTED NUMBERS.
POLICE ESTIMATED 1600 DEMONSTRATORS BUT EMBASSY ESTIMATE
CLOSER TO 1,000. THEMES THIS YEAR WERE DIVERSE:
SAIGON/USA FOLLOW PARIS AGREEMENT; US OUT OF KOREA;
FREE PALESTINE;; ANGOLA AND VIETNAM ARE THE SAME BATTLE;
US IMPERIALISM BACK OF CHILE JUNTA; END CUBA BLOCKADE.
SPEECHES AND CHANTS GE SOME PROMINENCE TO KOREA.
DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY AND POLICE PROTECTION WAS
EXCELLENT. POLICE HAD EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT
SMALL PALESTINIAN GROUP, BUT IT WAS APPARENT THEY WERE
WELL UNDER CONTROL.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCED DEMONSTRATION-WATCHERS
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EVALUATED THIS YEAR'S AFFAIR AS PUNY COMPARED TO EARLIER

YEARS. ALMOST ALL DEMONSTRATORS WERE VERY YOUNG, AND THERE WAS RELATIVELY LITTLE STEAM BEHIND THEIR EFFORTS. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WITHOUT VIETNAM AS A UNIFYING ISSUE, THE FRINGE LEFTISTS IN SWEDEN FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AROUSE MASS ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING. WE ARE INFORMED THAT GOS PUT OUT THE WORD TO DISCOURAGE THIS DEMONSTRATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, INDICATING THAT IN THIS NEW ERA OF US-SWEDISH RELATIONS, ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATORS CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON TACIT SUPPORT OF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. OF INTEREST WAS THE EMPHASIS ON KOREA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN A PROMINENT THEME AMONG LEFTISTS HERE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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